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CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION HIRED NEW CAMPAIGN FINANCE MANAGER

PHOENIX (August 29, 2005) – The Citizens Clean Elections Commission (Commission), a state agency that administers the Citizens Clean Elections Act, announced today that Geneva Richardson has been hired as the new campaign finance manager for the Commission.

Richardson's duties include the analysis of campaign finance reports to ensure compliance with the Clean Elections Act, as well as calculating the financial disbursements to candidates running under the Clean Elections system. As campaign finance manager, Richardson is responsible for managing duties associated with the enforcement of the Clean Elections Act and Commission rules, assisting with candidate and treasurer workshops and working with candidates and treasurers on campaign finance reporting.

"We are very pleased to add such a skilled and experienced individual to the Commission staff," said Marcia Busching, chair of the Commission. "Genevra brings a wealth of knowledge in campaign finance reform, as well as campaign reporting, and will help the Commission and participating candidates immensely in the upcoming 2006 election cycle."

Richardson's experience involves work with a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm where she worked on public opinion and strategic research for international and domestic political campaigns and worldwide corporations. Additionally, she brings first-hand experience in statewide politics after serving two sessions as the chief of staff for a state representative in the Oregon legislature.

Richardson received a master's degree in political management from George Washington University where her studies included campaign finance reform. She also holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oregon State University.

About the Citizens Clean Elections Commission

The Citizens Clean Elections Act, which was passed by voters in 1998, created a new campaign financing system that provides full public funding to qualified candidates who agree to abide by Citizens Clean Elections Commission guidelines. Candidates for statewide and legislative offices are eligible to participate in the public funding program.

To qualify for funding, participating candidates must adhere to strict spending and contribution limits and gather \$5 qualifying contributions from a number of registered voters. Participating candidates also agree to attend required debates.

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